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Matters relating to activities under the United Nations Programme on Space Applications in 2016

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 69/85 of 5 December 2014, in particular the endorsement of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications for 2015,

Acknowledging that the United Nations Programme on Space Applications, implemented by the Office for Outer Space Affairs of the Secretariat, is aimed at further promoting, through international cooperation, the use of space technologies and data for sustainable economic and social development in developing countries by raising the awareness of decision makers of the cost-effectiveness and additional benefits to be obtained, establishing or strengthening capacity in developing countries to use space technology and strengthening outreach activities to disseminate awareness of the benefits obtained,

Recognizing, in that regard, the unique benefits for Member States, in particular developing countries, of participating in the capacity-building activities organized under the United Nations Programme on Space Applications,

Reaffirming the importance of technical assistance and capacity-building in space science and technology applications, in particular for the benefit of developing countries,

Noting that the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, at its fifty-eighth session, held in Vienna from 10 to 19 June 2015, did not reach an agreement enabling the implementation of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications for the remainder of 2015,

1. *Agrees* to reinstate the following activities under the United Nations Programme on Space Applications, to be carried out in 2016:

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(a) United Nations/Costa Rica Workshop on Human Space Technology, to be held from 29 February to 4 March 2016;

(b) United Nations/South Africa Symposium on Basic Space Technology, to be held from 29 March to 1 April 2016;

(c) United Nations/Kenya Workshop on Space Technology and Applications for Wildlife Management and Protecting Biodiversity, to be held from 4 to 8 April 2016;

2. *Decides* that the activities listed in paragraph 1 above shall be carried out under the United Nations Programme on Space Applications in 2016 with the budget that had been allocated to those activities for 2015;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take action to implement the present resolution so that the activities listed in paragraph 1 above can be carried out successfully.